The US authorities have informed the Indian Embassy in Washington about the conspiracy case, for which an indictment has been filed in US District Court, Eastern district of Louisiana, on May 9, 1985. Since 5 persons were arrested on May 4, 1985, by the New Orleans police in connection with the conspiracy case and the case in court is being followed by the Federal authorities, we have conveyed to the US authorities that they should have kept us informed about the case earlier so that precautionary measures could have been taken by us sooner. Government is closely watching the developments of the case in the US Federal Court.

Pending applications for Freedom Fighters Pension

373. SHRI M. S. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for pension from freedom fighters pending disposal; and

(b) the number out of them pending over the three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Out of total of 4,31,053 applications received so far both under the 1972 and 1980 Schemes, pension has been sanctioned to 1,33,733 freedom fighters and the dependents of deceased freedom fighters, 2,01,113 cases have been rejected and 96,207 cases are pending as on 30.6.85 mainly for want of verification reports from the State Governments.

Almost all the cases pending on 30.6.85 are more than 3 years old as the last date of receipt of applications under the 1980 Scheme was 31.3.82.

12.00 Noon

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1985, to Unstarred Question 930, regarding grant of incentives for environmental protection

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): Sir, I lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1985 to Unstarred Question 930, regarding grant of incentives for environmental Protection.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Summary of Budget Estimates for Revenue and Expenditure (1985-86) of Air-India

II. Summary of Actuals (1983-84), Budget Estimates and Revised Estimates (1984-85) and Budget Estimates (1985-86) of Air-India

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-rule (5) of rule 3 of the Air Corporations Rules, 1954:—

(i) Summary of Budget Estimates for Revence and Expenditure of Air-India for the year 198-86.

(ii) Summary of Actuals for 1983-84. Budget Estimates and Revised Estimates for 1984-85 and Budget Estimates for 1985-86 of Air-India.

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